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FOR CHARGE FROM AF/E GARLAND

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, SHUM, ET

SUBJECT: RURAL ROADS PROJECT

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 446; B. ADDIS ABABA 175;

C. ADDIS ABABA 0086

1. ORIGINAL AID/W REPLY TO REF C WAS LESS THAN SATIS-
FACTORY TO AF/E. WE HAVE SUGGESTED SEVERAL CHANGES AND
IT SHOULD BE ON ITS WAY SOON. FRANKLY, MATTER WAS
DELAYED HERE AS OUR ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON OTHER
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. AID/W CP 1979 INCLUDES RURAL ROADS PROJECT. MAIN
AID/W CONCERN REMAINS FUNDING LEVEL AND AFR FELT RURAL
ROADS HAD TO BE REINSERTED IN FY 79 TO PROTECT PROGRAM
LEVEL OF ABOUT \$10 MILLION. APPARENTLY NO OTHER SUB-
STANTIAL PROJECT WAS AVAILABLE TO FILL GAP. AID/W ALSO
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT RURAL ROADS IS VERY GOOD AND
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VERY NECESSARY PROJECT. THEIR HOPE IS THAT THEY CAN
GET IT APPROVED IN CP 79 BY PRESENTING IT IN
TERMS OF AN OVERALL INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

3. AID CABLE WILL INSTRUCT YOU NOT TO DISCUSS RURAL
ROADS SEPARATELY FROM ENTIRE FY 79 PROGRAM. HOWEVER,AF/E

APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORT INCORPORATE PROJECT INTO YOUR
HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY (REF B) AND HAS NO OBJECTION IF
YOU MENTION TO EPMG THAT RURAL ROADS PROJECT HAS BEEN
REINSTATED IN CP WITH THE HOPE THAT AN IMPROVED ATMOS-
PHERE - BOTH HUMAN RIGHTS-WISE AND EAST-WEST WISE -
MIGHT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PROJECT TO OVERCOME OBJECTIONS
FROM THE SENATE. WE DO QUESTION, HOWEVER, WISDOM OF
SPECIFYING IN ADVANCE HOW WE WILL JUDGE "IMPROVEMENT."
THAT WOULD COMMIT US MUCH MORE THAN IS POLITICALLY
POSSIBLE OR FEASIBLE GIVEN TURBULENCE OF OUR RELATIONS
WITH EPMG AND IMPOSSIBILITY ANTICIPATE SENATE REACTION
AS TIME PASSES.

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